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From: Seligman, Andrew

**Sent:** Thur 1/15/2015 3:19:14 PM

Subject: RE: January 14, 2014 Washington Aqueduct Bypass Discharge

Hi Joshua,

Is the WA in compliance with the conditions of the By-Pass and FFCA? If not, what specific conditions is WA failing to comply?

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"The Wind and Waves are always on the side of the ablest Navigators" Edward Gibbon, English Historian 1734-1794

"There is no education like adversity" Benjamin DiIsraeli, British Prime Minister

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Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 3:40 PM To: Seligman, Andrew; Shamet, Stefania

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Subject: January 14, 2014 Washington Aqueduct Bypass Discharge

Importance: High

Andrew,

To follow-up with my voice message. Over concerns of the discharge of sediment, the Washington Aqueduct has complied with WQD's request to close all valves from the Georgetown Reservoir Sedimentation basins and cease their discharge to the Potomac River. WQD conducted an inspection of the discharge from the Georgetown reservoirs this morning. WQD inspector observed significant loads of suspended solids being discharged from Outfall 004. The discharge was extremely viscous and did not represent what was agreed upon by WQD and the Washington Aqueduct during our phone discussions and follow up monitoring and discharge requirements requested during the discharge of the first basin. I have attached photos of the discharge at the time of our inspection. Additionally, we captured video of the discharge and have collected samples which we will be analyzing for TSS. I am going to attempt to upload

the video to Dropbox and will share them as soon as I am able. We will also forward our TSS sample results when they are available.

WQD and DDOE have significant concerns about the continued discharge of sediment from the Washington Aqueduct and we would like to discuss with Region 3 their approval of the bypass and possible alternatives to the discharge. Please let me know when you and Region 3 staff are available to discuss. We believe this matter is urgent, so the sooner we can have the conversation the better.

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